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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-44 (canceled).

1 Claim 45 (currently amended): A rotary compressor comprising:

2 an electric element, and first and second rotary compression elements driven by the electric
3 element, these components being provided in a hermetically sealed container, CO₂ refrigerant gas
4 compressed by the first rotary compression element being discharged into the hermetically sealed
5 container, and the discharged refrigerant gas of intermediate pressure being further compressed by
6 the second rotary compression element;

7 a cylinder constituting the second rotary compression element;

8 a support member adapted to seal an opening surface of the cylinder, and provided with a
9 bearing of a rotary shaft erected on a center part;

10 a discharge muffler chamber formed in the support member outside the bearing, and
11 communicated with an inside of the cylinder;

12 a cover having a peripheral part fixed to the support member by a bolt to seal an opening of

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13 the discharge muffler chamber;

14 a gasket held between the cover and the support member; and

15 an O ring provided between an inner peripheral end surface of the cover and an outer

16 peripheral surface of the bearing The rotary compressor according to claim 8, wherein no sealing

17 surfaces are formed on a base of the bearing.

1 Claim 46 (previously presented): The rotary compressor according to claim 45, wherein the

2 cover is not fixed to the bearing by a C ring.

1 Claim 47 (currently amended): A rotary compressor comprising:

2 an electric element, and first and second rotary compression elements driven by the electric

3 element, these components being provided in a hermetically sealed container, CO₂ refrigerant gas

4 compressed by the first rotary compression element being discharged into the hermetically sealed

5 container, and the discharged refrigerant gas of intermediate pressure being further compressed by

6 the second rotary compression element;

7 a cylinder constituting the second rotary compression element;

8 a support member adapted to seal an opening surface of the cylinder on the electric element

9 side, and provided with a bearing of a rotary shaft erected on a center part;

10 a discharge muffler chamber formed in the support member outside the bearing, and

11 communicated with an inside of the cylinder; and

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12 a cover attached to the support member to seal an opening of the discharge muffler chamber,

13 wherein a thickness dimension of the cover is set to greater than or equal to 2 mm and less

14 than or equal to 10 mm,

15 wherein the cover has a peripheral part fixed to the support member by a bolt, a gasket is held

16 between the cover and the support member, and an O ring is provided between an inner peripheral

17 end surface of the cover and an outer surface of the bearing The rotary compressor according to

18 ~~claim 11~~, wherein no sealing surfaces are formed on a base of the bearing.

1 Claim 48 (previously presented): The rotary compressor according to claim 47, wherein the

2 cover is not fixed to the bearing by a C ring.

1 Claim 49 (currently amended): A rotary compressor comprising:

2 an electric element, and first and second rotary compression elements driven by the electric

3 element, both components being provided in a hermetically sealed container, gas compressed by the

4 first rotary compression element being discharged into the hermetically sealed container, and the

5 discharged gas of intermediate pressure being further compressed by the second rotary compression

6 element;

7 first and second cylinders respectively constituting the first and second rotary compression

8 elements;

9 a first support member adapted to seal an opening surface of the first cylinder, and provided

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10 with a bearing of a rotary shaft of the electric element;

11 a second support member adapted to seal an opening surface of the second cylinder, and

12 provided with a bearing of the rotary shaft; and

13 a carbon bush provided between one of the bearings of the first and second support members

14 and the rotary shaft;

15 wherein the bush is provided in the bearing of the second support member The rotary

16 compressor according to claim 32, wherein the compressor includes an oil reservoir, the first support

17 member is adjacent to the oil reservoir, and no bushing is on the first support member.

1 Claim 50 (new): A rotary compressor comprising:

2 an electric element, and first and second rotary compression elements driven by the electric

3 element, these components being provided in a hermetically sealed container, CO₂ refrigerant gas

4 compressed by the first rotary compression element being discharged into the hermetically sealed

5 container, and the discharged refrigerant gas of intermediate pressure being further compressed by

6 the second rotary compression element;

7 a cylinder constituting the second rotary compression element;

8 a support member adapted to seal an opening surface of the cylinder on the electric element

9 side, and provided with a bearing of a rotary shaft erected on a center part;

10 a discharge muffler chamber formed in the support member outside the bearing, and

11 communicated with an inside of the cylinder; and

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12 a cover attached to the support member to seal an opening of the discharge muffler chamber,
13 wherein a thickness dimension of the cover is set to greater than or equal to 2 mm and less
14 than or equal to 10 mm,
15 wherein a thickness of the cover is set to 6 mm,
16 wherein the cover has a peripheral part fixed to the support member by a bolt, a gasket is
17 held between the cover and the support member, and an O ring is provided between an inner
18 peripheral end surface of the cover and an outer surface of the bearing.

1 Claim 51 (new): The rotary compressor according to claim 50, wherein the cover is not
2 fixed to the bearing by a C ring,

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